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# Foreword

As the Director of the Office of AIDS Research (OAR), I am pleased to present the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fiscal Year 2007 Plan for HIV-Related Research. Each year, we develop a comprehensive research plan through a unique collaborative process involving broad input from the community of government and nongovernment scientists and other experts from the United States and abroad. Through this planning effort, we attempt to articulate a roadmap for the NIH research effort that both comprehensively defines the full range of activities needed to combat HIV and AIDS and identifies specific priorities for new or expanded funding. The Plan serves as the framework for the development and execution of the NIH AIDS budget and thus is an integral component of the budgeting process, providing essential guidance for funding decisions. It is essential that the Plan be responsive to the changing nature of the epidemic, to emerging scientific opportunities, and to the needs of affected communities around the world.

Many individuals—researchers from academia and industry; representatives of foundations and other nongovernmental organizations in the United States and abroad; community representatives; representatives of other governmental agencies; members of the OAR Advisory Council; and Directors of the NIH Institutes and their staffs—have given generously of their time to provide us with their expertise and thoughtful opinions in the development of this Plan. I thank each of them, for it is their thoughtful consideration and advice that makes this document a valuable tool for the OAR and the NIH.

The staff of the OAR and I sincerely believe that the fruits of the research efforts outlined within the Plan will help to control the pandemic, prevent new

infections, and care for those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jack Whitescarver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jack Whitescarver, Ph.D.  
Director, OAR  
August 2005

## Legislative Mandate

The National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-43) provided that the Director of the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) “shall plan, coordinate and evaluate research and other activities conducted or supported” by the NIH. The Director of OAR “shall act as the primary Federal official with responsibility for overseeing all AIDS research conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health” and “shall establish a comprehensive plan for the conduct and support of all AIDS activities of the agencies of the National Institutes of Health...; ensure that the Plan establishes priorities among the AIDS activities that such agencies are authorized to carry out; ensure that the Plan establishes objectives regarding such activities...; and ensure that the Plan serves as a broad, binding statement of policies regarding AIDS activities of the agencies, but does not remove the responsibility of the heads of the agencies for the approval of specific programs or projects, or for other details of the daily administration of such activities, in accordance with the Plan.” The law further provides that “the Director of the OAR shall ensure that the Plan provides for basic research; provides for applied research; provides for research that is supported and conducted by the agencies; provides for proposals developed pursuant to solicitations by the agencies and for proposals developed independently of such solicitations; and provides for behavioral research and social science research.”



